PRO RATA.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT A MASS MEETING OF CITIZENS. HELD IN PLATTSMOUTH, NEB., SATURDAY, APRIL 1st, 1876.

[Members of the Press throughout the State, and friends of the Pro Rata Bill, are requested to notice and aid the objects of this circular.]

WHEREAS; It has generally been believed and understood that the large Grants of Lands and Securities given to the Pacific Railroads running through this State were made by the whole people and not for a part:

And also that it was the intention and meaning of the General Government that equal rights, privileges, and immunities, should be granted to all Pacific lines of Railroads built under Charter from the General Government and with the aid of such Grants and Lands; therefore, be it *Resolved:*

1st. That we do hereby demand, for ourselves, and for the citizens of other States who are equally interested, that the conditions of equality under which these Roads were built, be fully and faithfully carried out, and that if any further Legislation is necessary to prevent the usurpation of right and power by the stronger or main line of road, known as the U. P. R. R., towards the weaker, or connecting branches, we ask our Representatives in Congress to use their influence to pass such laws as may be necessary to compel justice being done to all Pacific Lines of Road.

2d. *Resolved:* That the Bill now pending before Congress, known as "*The Pro Rata Bill,*" should receive the cordial and *united* support of our *entire* delegation in Congress;

That the unjust discrimination now made by the Union Pacific Railroad Company against the B. & M. R. R. Co., in Nebraska, on freights, is a discrimination on the producer, and is productive of great injury to the material interests of our young State, in forwarding the shipment of its products to the Mining regions Westward, except at ruinous and arbitrary rates.

3d. *Resolved:* That the action of the Press of the City of Omaha, in trying to manufacture Public Opinion in opposition to the passage of the said "Pro Rata Bill" is based in an utter selfishness, which seeks to build up Omaha at the sacrifice of the real interests of the rest of the State.

4th. *Resolved:* That in a question of such simple justice to the South Platte Country, and that portion of the State lying west of the Elkhorn River, and north of Douglass County, as is involved in the said "Pro Rata Bill," any vote in opposition to its passage is a blow at said territory, seeking to maintain a most unjustifiable discrimination against it, and plainly in the interests of a gigantic monopoly.

5th. *Resolved:* That we condemn in the most unqualified terms, the truckling spirit of the "Omaha Press," in its cringing slavishness to the mandate of the U. P. R. R.' and that the sacrifice of principal therein, exhibits a moral turpitude, and a betrayal of the interests of the citizens of this State residing outside of Omaha, which deserves a crushing rebuke.

6th. *Resolved:* That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be respectfully reminded that Omaha is not all of Nebraska, and that as public servants they should serve the best interests of 275,000 inhabitants of the State outside of Omaha, equally as earnestly and honestly as they do the 20,000 residing therein.

7th. *Resolved:* That the Chairman and Secretary of this meeting forward to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, an attested copy of the foregoing resolutions.

E. G. DOVEY, President.

JNO. A. MACMURPHY, Sec'y.

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